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# Four Corners Coalition

Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties February 2011 Highlights







# Member Spotlight: City of Brea

#### SR-57 Freeway Expansion

A new and improved edition of SR-57 is now under way. This includes adding a northbound lane from north of the SR-91 near Orangethorpe Avenue in Placentia to Lambert Road in Brea, as well as between Katella Avenue and Lincoln Avenue in Anaheim. These improvements will reduce congestion, increase traffic flow and enhance the safety of one of Orange County's signature freeways.

For more info. click here.

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### Cities look to people to save redevelopment funding

Contra Costa Times, Jim Steinberg

It's time for the public to help save redevelopment funding, Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren told a group of city staff members and elected officials meeting here Wednesday morning.

"Unless we get public outrage and people to step up, we will lose our last economic engine," Warren said.

"We need to get people to lean on these legislators," Warren told a regularly scheduled legislative task force meeting of the League of California Cities Inland Empire Division.

Warren has been active in helping to organize regional opposition to Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to abolish redevelopment agencies.

Read more.

IEEP opposes elimination of redevelopment agencies.

# Four Corners Coalition Members

City of Anaheim

City of Brea

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City of Diamond Bar

City of Industry

City of Norco

City of Ontario

City of Pomona

County of Riverside

City of Walnut

Caltrans

County of Los Angeles

#### LAEDC says recovery on its way

Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation

The Los Angeles economy "appears to be past the bottom of the recession and is starting up the recovery path during 2011 and 2012," said LAEDC Chief Economist Nancy D. Sidhu, Ph.D. "Many industries are back in the black and employment is rising in some areas."

Read more.

# Lawmaker wants to shift control of Ontario International Airport away from officials who run LAX

Dan Weikel, Los Angeles Times

Seeking to reverse an unprecedented drop in commercial air travel in the Inland Empire, a key state legislator on Thursday introduced a bill that would shift control of Ontario International Airport from the city of Los Angeles to a regional airport authority.

If created, the new agency would be charged with aggressively marketing the airport to airlines and passengers, and stemming the facility's increasing costs for airlines, which are now higher than most midsized U.S. airports.

Read more.

### House, Senate transportation panel make stop in LA

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES-Sen. Barbara Boxer and eight Congress members have held a hearing in Los Angeles to gather local ideas as they craft a long-term federal strategy for transportation programs.

Wednesday's joint Senate and House hearing was one of several fact-gathering sessions the lawmakers are holding nationwide in advanceof the next transportation bill.

Read more.

#### Calendar of Events

USC Gould School of Law: 2011 Real Estate Law and Business Forum - March 2, 2011

WRCOG Advancing Choice Conference - March 24, 2011

Quality of Life Summit - March 31-April 1, 2011

<u>OCBC Chairman's Leadership Breakfast</u> - Various Dates

## House defies Obama by passing spending-cut bill

Reuters, Richard Cowan

The House of Representatives on Saturday approved legislation to cut federal spending deeply through September, a plan that is sure to be stopped by President Barack Obama and his fellow Democrats in the Senate.

Read more.

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